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Baudreau de Graveline
An Early Settler of the Old Southwest

by Jay Higginbotham

Jean-Baptiste Baudreau de Graveline, second son of Urbain Baudreau de Graveline and Mathurine Juillet, was among the first permanent settlers of "La Louisiane," or what later came to be known as the Louisiana Territory. Baptized in Montreal on May 18, 1671, Graveline first came to the Gulf Coast in 1699 with Canada's foremost military hero, Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville, after Iberville had been selected by Louis XIV to continue the labors of the late Cavelier de La Salle. The new French expedition was directed to locate and fortify the entrance of the Mississippi River.

The site Iberville selected to build his fortifications was Biloxi Bay, and although the location was ill-chosen and Fort Maurepas demolished two years later, Graveline was to spend a majority of the rest of his life within the fort's shadow.

When Iberville decided to move Louisiana's principal fortification to the Mobile River in late 1701, Graveline and his Canadian compatriots went with him, later being granted a lot at the townsite of Mobile, twenty-six miles upriver from the present city. There, Graveline built a house near his long-time friends, Louis Juchereau de Saint-Denis and Jacques Chauvin, and began farming on a small scale, which was barely sufficient to support him.

It did not take the enterprising and energetic Graveline long, however, to decide that farming was not a promising venture in the Louisiana wilderness. By crafty trading in small articles, he had by the year 1706 managed to accumulate a fair amount of risk capital, which he intended to make use of at first opportunity. That opportunity came in August, 1706. Some months before, most of the Canadians had been dismissed from the payrolls of the King and told to fend for themselves. It being difficult to fend for oneself in what was rapidly becoming an

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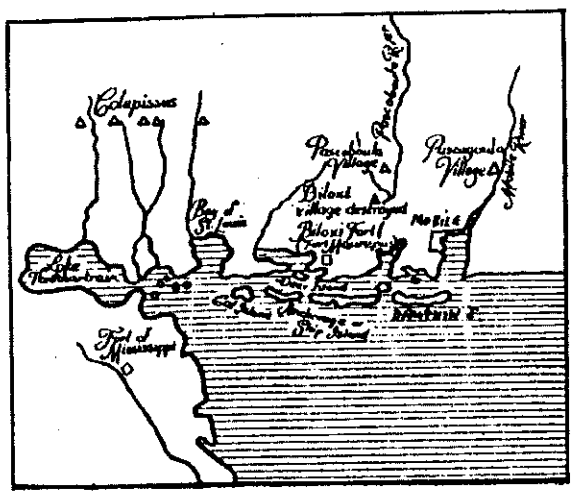

The Biloxi fort and its vicinity (After map by G. de L'Isle, 1701, French Colonial Engineer) Graveline Bay is located between Dauphin Island and Mobile.

Jay Higginbotham

In the interest of his own family genealogy, Author Jay Higginbotham wrote the article about our ancestor Jean-Baptise Baudreau de Graveline from whom he is descended on his mother's side.

On his father's side as well, he is descended from one of the most illustrious families of the Deep South. Among his ancestors are the French Impressionist Painter Degas and the fiery Ambassador Pierre Soule.

Jay, who has published five books all dealing with the French Colonial Period,

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The Bousquet and Daviau Connection

and

The Genealogy of Some Western Massachusetts Gravelines

by Valida Bousquet Page

I. Jean Baudreau married Marie Chauveau from Clermont, department of Sarthe, France.
II. Urbain Baudreau-Graveline married Mathurine Juillet. 10/20/1664 Montreal, Canada. Urbain is the person who came to America (Canada) from France 1653.
III. Paul Baudreau-Graveline married Marie Tessier 2/20/1708 Montreal, Canada.
IV. Francois Baudreau Graveline married M. Margeurite Trudel 8/16/1747 Longue Pointe, Quebec.
V. Francois-Hypolite Beaudreau married Judith Desmarais 9/27/1790 Longue Pointe, Quebec.
VI. Ignace Bodreau married Ursule Daunais 1/13/1829 St. Jean Baptiste, Rouville.
VII. Anselme (Beaudrieau) Graveline married Elise Heloise Sicard 9/28/1857 St. Dominique, Quebec, Canada.

The 11 Children of Anselme and Elise

Elise Graveline married John Lapre
Vitaline married John Daviau
Pierre married Albina Fontaine
Henriette married George Boutat
Joseph married Cordia Dubreuil, 1st
Joseph married Stephanie Authier, 2nd
Anselme married Dora Peltier
Noe married Agnes Page
Alex married Marie Page
Edward married Mederise Lussier
Emelia married Alphonse Bousquet
Laurie married Alboma (Bousquet) Auger.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

1. Alphonse Bousquet and Alboma were brother and sister. Regarding Alboma Bousquet, an interesting story about her was that she and Laurie Graveline had as youths, considered marriage. For some unknown reason she married a Mr. Auger instead, upon whose death, she married her original sweetheart - Laurie Graveline, of St. Pie, Quebec, father of Therese Graveline Robier.

2. There are other Gravelines in Western Mass. who are not descendants of Anselme, and we would like to print their genealogy if it is submitted: in fact, we shall like to do the same for all Baudreau & Graveline descendants.

3. The name BAUDREAU has been mispelled through the generations for various reasons. A future article will deal with this subject. Suffice it to say, that the correct spelling is and should have been BAUDREAU, according to records in the Quebec Provincial Archives.

Can **You** Help?

Although we are solvent we need more to start much needed projects, such as Genealogical Grants.

If we are to publish and spread the information about the exploits of our early ancestors, we do need more information.

Some of our members, who do not have the financial resources to give the time such a project needs, could be encouraged through grants.

Your contributions are tax deductible because we're approved by the I.R.S. as a Non-Profit organization.

Also, consider your Association when you make out your Will and Last Testament. In so doing we can perpetuate the honor of your family forever.

Ten Reasons for Our 1981 Mo Convention

1. As a guest of the City, you honored.
2. Your ancestor Urbain is to be cially honored.
3. Stay at a deluxe hotel during p season at convention rates.
4. Have fun in a great atmosphere
5. Meet some very nice relatives from all over the USA and Canada.
6. School's out — bring the family.
7. Kids under 18 — FREE rooms with parents.
8. Future convention will be in the USA.
9. We may not return to Montreal again.
10. Why not come this year?

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has led a fascinating life, sampling a slice of various undertakings.

He was born Prieur Jay Higginbotham Jr., (but he uses the name of Jay) in Pascagoula, Mississippi on July 16, 1937, son of Prieur Jay Higginbotham and Vivian Inez Perez.

While attending Mississippi College he gravitated toward a career in law and was appointed bill-reading clerk of the Mississippi House of Representatives serving under Walter Sillers for three sessions.

After graduation in 1960, he bypassed the study of law for a wandering, nomadic life. He worked for an insurance firm on Wall Street, picked cotton in the Mississippi Delta and worked on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

During a trip around the world in 1966, he climbed Mount Fugi in Japan, crossed Asia on the Trans-Siberian Railway, and swam the Nile River in North Africa. As a result of his adventures he began a writing career publishing articles in newspapers, magazines and historical journals.

Jay, who also has been a librarian and a history teacher, is the recipient of the Gilbert Chinard prize from the Society for French History Studies and the Alabama Library Association Award.

In 1959 he married Alice Louisa Martin and they have three children — Jeanne-Felicie, Denis Prieur and Robert Findlay.

Jay is the author of **The Mobile Indians, The Pascagoula Indians, The Journal of Sauvole, Brother Holyfield,** and **Old Mobile.** He makes his home at 60 N. Monterey, Mobile, AL 36604

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Early Settler

impoverished town, many of the Canadians began moving out from Mobile, some to live in nearby Indian villages, some to begin planting on a larger scale farther down Mobile Bay.

Graveline, having no confidence in the future of farming, had a different idea. The Spanish in nearby Pensacola, though lacking in food supplies and merchandise, were loaded with currency. If he could somehow find something to sell the Spanish, he could increase his holdings substantially. But first he must get closer to the port.

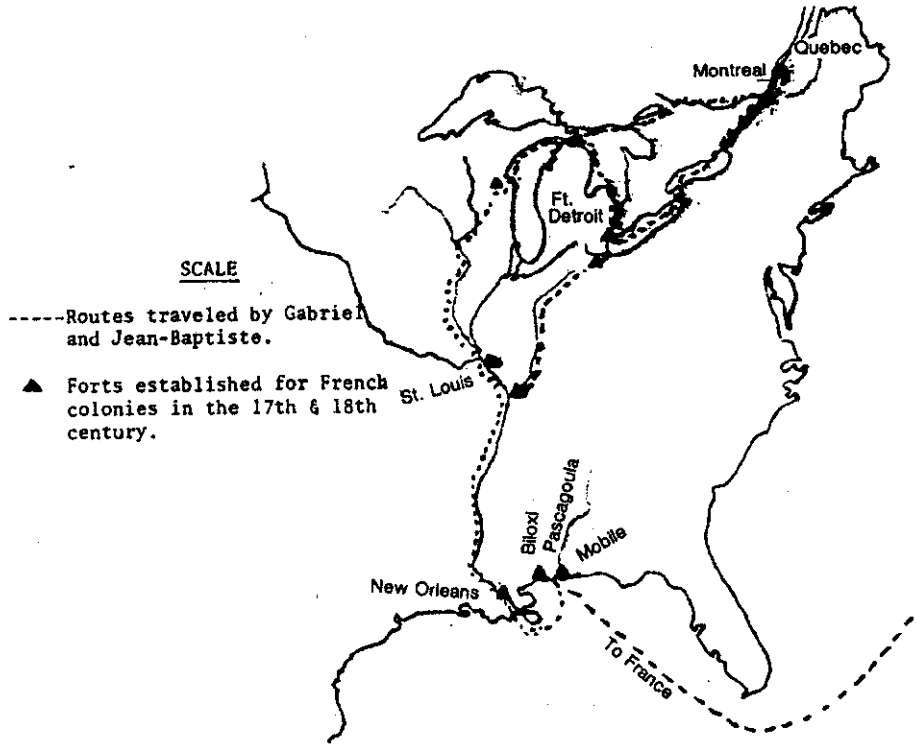
After consultation with the commandent of Mobile, Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville, he was awarded a temporary grant on Massacre Island, at the site of the colony's chief harbor. Graveline had no sooner reached Massacre Island, however, when a second opportunity presented itself.

In August of 1706, the **Aigle,** a small supply ship from France, was preparing to return to La Rochelle. Graveline, along with fellow colonists Francois Guyon, **dit** Derbanne, Pierre Babin, **dit** La Source, and Nicolas Chauvin, **dit** La Fresniere, received permission to board ship. For some months, these colonists had been plotting on how to get into the lucrative beaver trade. Of prime necessity was a small ship. By pooling their resources, they could purchase such a ship in La Rochelle at the same time they were negotiating for permission to trade in beaver.

In La Rochelle, Graveline's hopes were only partly realized. He did manage to purchase a suitable ship, but he was unable to negotiate an equitable trade agreement. Leaving La Rochelle for Louisiana, he sent his friend La Source to Montreal to inform his brother, Gabriel Baudreau de Graveline, of possible opportunities in the promising Mississippi mineral trade. On receiving this news, Gabriel, with his entire family, headed down the Great River for Mobile.

In the meantime, Graveline had taken a Protestant wife named Suzanne in La Rochelle. Several months afterward, in the **Marguerite,** he landed at Mobile loaded with merchandise, which soon after his arrival, he turned into a handsome profit. Shortly thereafter, he turned another good profit by selling the **Marguerite** to the local government administrators, Bienville and Dartaguiette d'Iron, who were near seizing it anyway, so great was the colony's need at that time for a ship.

The sale of the **Marguerite,** however, dashed any hopes Graveline might have held for trans-oceanic commerce. His brother Gabriel returned north and Graveline settled down on Massacre (now Dauphin) Island. After the birth of his only son, Jean-Baptiste, he built a large house and grazed cattle near the bay which still bears his name. In 1713, his wife Suzanne died, and Graveline took into his home a female Indian servant to help rear young Jean-Baptiste.



Over the next six years, Graveline became rather well-to-do, chiefly by raising cattle (the first of which he had brought from Havana on his way from La Rochelle) and selling produce to Pensacola, Veracruz and Cap-francais, as well as to the Louisiana colony itself. Additional trade in skins and minerals took him to the Missouri river and Illinois country on numerous occasions during the years 1714-1719.

In 1720, Bienville moved the colony's capital from Mobile back to Biloxi Bay. The chief port of entry once more became Ship Island. Shortly afterwards, Graveline moved his place of residence to a site (now called Martin's Bluff) near the mouth of the Pascagoula River, where he had been raising a new herd of cattle for several years and which was only sixteen miles from the old site of Fort Maurepas. Here he remained for the rest of his life, except for various business trips to Pensacola, Mobile and New Orleans, and here his son Jean-Baptiste grew to manhood.

By his Indian servant, Graveline had at least one daughter — Magdelaine, who married Pierre Paquet. The descendents of this union today number in the thousands, as do the descendents of Graveline's granddaughter, Catherine-Louise who married Joseph Bosarge in 1763.

There was tragedy, however, in the life of his only son's family. Jean-Baptiste, after leaving his father's estate, moved closer to the mouth of the river — near a bayou to this day called Bayou Graveline. Finally legitimated (his mother had been a Protestant and he had never been baptized by the church), Jean-Baptiste had married Marie-Catherine Vincennes (stepdaughter of Joseph Simon, **dit** La Pointe, an old compatriot of Graveline's from the earliest days who lived just across the Pascagoula river delta on Fish river.

In 1757 Jean-Baptiste had led a group of insurrectionists (whether involuntarily or not was never determined) to the Alabama country. The insurrectionists were caught, convicted, and broken on the wheel, Jean-Baptiste along with them. He was not yet fifty years of age.

Graveline's last years were thus spent in sorrow as well as in retirement. Following his Indian concubine's death, he had married again, in the 1740's. It was strictly a marriage of convenience and there was little of comfort to it.

By the year 1763, France's Louisiana empire had come to an end. Graveline was the only settler still alive who had lived through the entirety of the French occupation. He died sometime during the next few years at his estate on the Pascagoula River where nearby hundreds of his descendants still live.

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Montreal to Honor Urbain and the Baudreau-Graveline Family

Prominent City Landmark to be named in honor of our ancestor, Urbain Baudreau-Graveline, on June 28, 1981.

At long last, our ancestor, Urbain, a father of the city of Montreal, will receive the recognition due him by the city to which he contributed so much of his life in defending, building and preparing it for the glorious future which it now enjoys. It will be remembered as outlined in an article of the previous issue of the Descendants, that it was Urbain who had defended the early colony with his life against the savage attacks of the Iroquois Indians and then went on to build the foundations for its glorious future.

It has always been one of the objectives of our association and its president to have Urbain recognized for the history which he made and which helped make possible the present prominence which the city of Montreal enjoys.

In the process we know that through his courage and his talents, he also built for his family and himself a respectable estate, not to mention that he started in North America, a long line of prominent and outstanding Canadians and Americans.

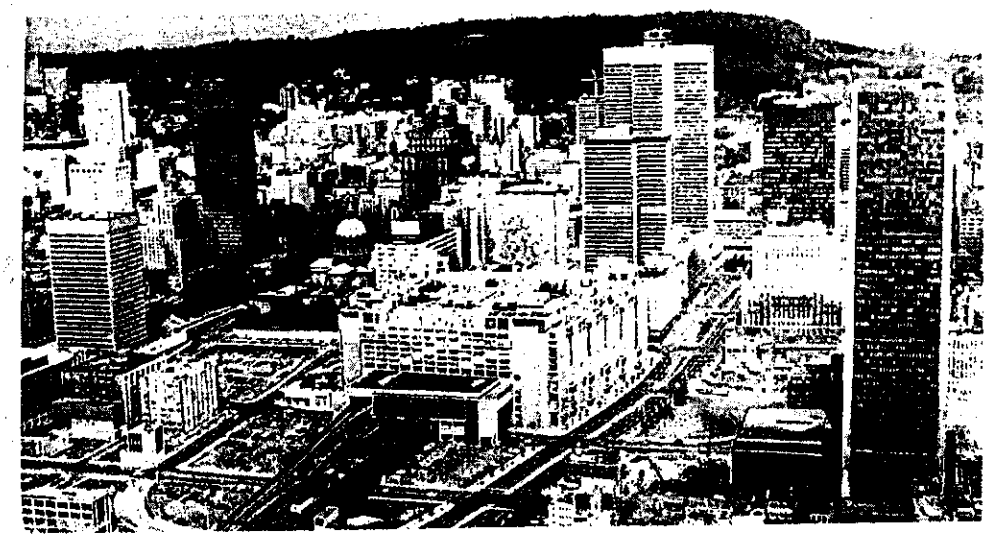
The site chosen for the honor is commonly referred to as the Library Square, but is actually a triangular plot directly in front of the Central City Library. The location is ideal for its prominence because the library is the most frequented in the city and is located on the distinguished boulevard known as Sherbrooke Street.

Your association is indeed very grateful to the Montreal City Council for having appreciated our request for a proper homage to Urbain and recognitions of his contributions to the city. Everyone of us, descendants, relatives and friends will be privileged to enjoy the distinction of having history made, as the consequence of Urbain's efforts and observed with pride by his numerous descendants.

For this reason, and because so many of you wish to visit and re-visit Montreal, our convention will be held there on June 26, 27, and 28, 1981.

Make plans now to attend this great event, when you will be honored along with your ancestor --- Urbain.

(See another article on the convention in this issue.)



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A Tour of Graveline History in France

by Robert Graveline

We visit Urbain's home town of Clermont. We also visit Avignon, the home town of his father-in-law Blaise Juillet.

Although we tend to think of our ancestors as originating from Gravelines, France, the fact remains that Urbain Baudreau dit Graveline came from a small town known as Clermont (1) near the small city of La Flèche, some 156 miles southeast of Paris. Both towns are located in the department of Sarthe, the capital of which is the well known larger city of Le Mans, where international auto races are held.

I was returning for my third visit to the small rural village of Clermont. Life here is quiet, peaceful and uneventful except for the noisy truck traffic which passes through the town on Highway 23 leading to Paris, which is approximately 260 km. distant. Route 23 also passes through the beautiful city of Le Mans and Chartres, wherein is located the famous Chartres Cathedral.

On this trip, I was returning with my aunt, Blanche Reen Gutt, and my daughter, Andrea. We had been attending an insurance convention in Monte Carlo; the principality impressed us considerably with its neatness and especially its colorful, beautiful hillside, overlooking the blue Mediterranean.

We had decided to travel to Clermont by train since French rail service is superb. The trains are normally clean and efficient and the food aboard is a gastronomical experience. Many trains have first class dining cars with excellent French service, especially aboard the faster express trains like the TGV (Très Grande Vitesse.)

We boarded in Monte Carlo on an international train originating in Italy and headed westerly toward Marseilles. We had made train reservations (very desirable) several days earlier upon our arrival in Monte Carlo. We were able to conveniently pay for our train tickets by credit card (VISA) at the railroad station. Earlier in our trip, an Air France flight from New York had landed us nearby in Nice which is next to Monte Carlo and on the Riviera.

As noon approached, lunch (called le déjeuner in France) was announced by the sound of chimes and served. To experience the continental atmosphere, we decided to eat in the dining car where a five course Italian menu was offered. Since the train had originated in Italy, the dining staff was Italian, too. When we arrived in Marseilles, we had to change trains to travel northward to Avignon. We had decided to stay there a few days before continuing on to Clermont. Avignon was the home town of Urbain's father-in-law, Blaise Juillet.

Avignon is the center of Provence (a province), and is considered to be the hub of the region. Furthermore, it was important for us to visit the city since Urbain's father-in-law, Blaise Juillet (Marguerite's father), was born and raised there (2) as were his parents Jean Juillet and Gabrielle Barbarin. Therefore, Avignon is another source of our roots. It has been written of Avignon that, "it is without doubt one of the most interesting centers in the South of France. Gay, sunny, and it is abundantly provided with all that is good to eat and drink."

Ramparts of Avignon
Medieval Gates

For Aunt Blanche and Andrea, this was a rather risky trip because when we disembarked from the train at Avignon we had no hotel reservations. I took the chance that since we were travelling out of season, we'd have no problems. From a list of hotels in our guidebook, the second hotel phoned had rooms at the very modest price of $12 per day. The place wasn't fancy, but was clean and adequate. Also, it was located in the center of the city and was a short walk to all the local attractions.

Theatre in Avignon

Since it was only mid-afternoon, we decided to start our tour with a visit to the churches of St. Agricole and St. Symphorien. Blaise was baptized at the church of St. Agricole (3) on February 26, 1611 and his father, Jean Juillet, had married Gabrielle Barbarin at the church of St. Symphorien on June 18, 1609 (3a). Because both churches were within walking distance of our hotel, we enjoyed a leisurely stroll through some of the narrow streets of the city and did some window shopping on the way. There is a great diversity of stores in the downtown area and due to double daylight saving time in France, it doesn't get dark until 10 P.M.

Arriving at St. Agricole first, we found the front of the church surrounded by a large esplanade of stone and marble about one story high and approached by two large beautiful staircases. These were also made of stone

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BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

She's 91

Rose Ethier Roberts, daughter of Existe Ethier and Cordelia Beaudriault, was born in Ludlow, Massachusetts on June 6, 1895. Rose is a descendant of Urbain Baudreau-dit-Graveline's son, Paul. Her mother, known as Lea, died on July 18, 1908. Lea left four young daughters, named Rose, Zelia, Ida and Blanche, who was the youngest at six years old.

Rose took on the responsibility of taking care of her sisters. At age 14, she went to work at Ludlow Mills, where she had the misfortune of losing part of her thumb. Then she went to work at Hodges Carpet in Indian Orchard, when she was 16 years old. She worked 44 hours a week for $4.40.

Eventually, Existe decided to go back to Canada and the family moved to St. Paul d'Abbots in Quebec. Rose went to work for a cigar manufacturing company in Granly, Canada but after a year, Existe moved the family back to Indian Orchard.

Rose married Alfred Roberts on November 7, 1916 and they had five children; Dorothy, Robert Chmura, Alfred D. Roberts, Jr., Marguerite Roberts Minnie, Estelle Roberts McConnell and Therese Roberts, in addition to 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Alfred Roberts died in January, 1971.

Rose has travelled extensively. Her Canadian trips to visit her sister, Blanche, are too numerous to count. She visited Bermuda and has just returned from her 30th trip to California, never missing going to Lake Tahoe for a day or two.

She belongs as a life member to St. Anne Sodality of St. Aloysius Church in Indian Orchard and as a life member to the American Legion Unit 277, in addition to being a member of the Daughters of Isabella, the Indian Orchard Golden Agers and until last June, a member of a bowling team. She enjoys knitting and is an avid Bingo fan.

Rose is still very active and also enjoys dining out occasionally. She is a very active woman at 91 years young!

MASSACHUSETTS PICNIC

The 1986 Massachusetts picnic was held at Stanley Park in Westfield, MA on Sunday, September 14th, under the chairmanship of John Gutt and Blanche Reen Gutt. There were approximately 76 people in attendance, augmented by a large number of small children.

Although the air was a little cool, everyone admired the pleasant surroundings, including the beautiful floral gardens nearby.

The group was pleased to note the presence of Mr. & Mrs. George Graveline of Warwick, RI along with his sister, Mrs. Jeanette Kilday and their mother.

A large variety of gifts were raffled, including a beautiful hand-knitted white stole made by Mrs. Edna Graveline; several bottles of Gravelines wine were also raffled. The picnic realized an unexpected net profit of $150.

It was agreed that next year's picnic would be held on the second Sunday of September. It was also decided to hold a Sunday brunch at the Villa Rose Restaurant in Ludlow, on Sunday, October 19th. The committee in charge will include Dorothy Duquette, Marie Genest and Robert Graveline.

Enjoying a brief moment are treasurer, Alfred Graveline and chairperson, Blanche Reen Gutt.

Left to right: Ernestine Ethier, Marie Genest, Noe Bousquet, Rose Ouimette, Aldor Graveline, Edward Graveline and Valida Page enjoying the picnic.

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and marble, but were worn and very old (circa 600 years) as was the church. Our particular interest was to see the original baptismal font where Blaise had been baptized in 1611, 373 years ago. It was still there in front on the Gospel side of the large romanesque nave. It is a very large white marble bowl where our ancestor had been baptised so very long ago and as far as we know, even Blaise's ancestors could well have been baptized in the same baptismal font for as far back as five centuries ago.

The church was quite large in order to accommodate the large number of church-goers of that era. Today, as in most churches of France, services are sparsely attended, yet there were approximately 50 persons in the church praying or visiting.

The very high ceiling of the church is supported by great stone pillars that are white but darkened with age. As we walked back out of the church onto the esplanade overlooking a busy city square crowded with mercantile buildings, we thought with amazement how far in time and distance we had travelled in order to be with the memory of our ancestor, Urbain's father-in-law, Blaise Juillet.

Our next visit was to the church of St. Symphorien where Blaise had married Gabrielle Barbarin. Strolling through this lively and quaint city proved an interesting mile to our

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PHILADELPHIA, PA MEETS SPRINGFIELD, MA

This past summer on their way to Nova Scotia, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gravlin called ahead to our treasurer, Alfred Graveline, to see if some of their Springfield area cousins could meet them in Sturbridge during their stop-over. John & Blanche Reen Gutt along with President Robert Graveline enjoyed the pleasure of meeting Jack and Terry for the first time and had a delightful brunch together.

Jack and Terry are originally from St. Louis, MO but have been living in Philadelphia for the past 23 years.

This is just another example of how U.B.G.G.A. is bringing together cousins who would not otherwise have even met. As is normal in any family,

Left to Right: Jack Gravlin, Terry Gravlin, John Gutt and Blanche Reen Gutt.

Urbain's descendants are spread apart all over the country, but now through U.B.G.G.A. are coming together.

MICHIGAN PICNIC

Annual Gravlin Pot Luck Picnic

Once again the Michigan Gravlins organized by Jim & Margaret Gravlin, held their get-together on Saturday, August 16, 1986, at the Linwood Bicentennial Park, Linwood, Michigan.

There were 78 people in attendance, ranging in age from Nicholas Begick, 7 months, great grandson of Eleanor Gravlin Cathcart, to George Gravlin, age 80.

Ed Gravelin and daughter Jenny travelled from Springfield, VA. A special guest was Lorette Graveline McNamara from Pawtucket, RI, who really seemed to enjoy herself and was herself enjoyed by her Michigan cousins.

Tied for the largest number of grandchildren (13) were Rita Gravlin Lay, and John and Elizabeth Graveline.

It was agreed that next year's picnic would be held on the third Saturday of August.

POPE JOHN PAUL II GREETS U.B.G.G.A. MEMBERS

Dr. Michelle Graveline, director of music led the Assumption College chorale in a special audience with the Pope last March at the Vatican. Also standing next to His Holiness is President Joseph Hagan of Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. U.B.G.G.A. members present were John Gutt; Blanche Reen Gutt; Lorette McNamara and Robert Graveline.

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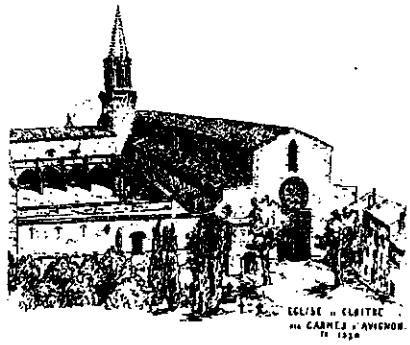
destination. We passed by many retail stores with windows displaying stylish and chic French designs, thus delaying our arrival at St. Symphorien as my female companions browsed through the boutiques.



Church of St. Symphorien

This was obviously the parish of the Barbarin family and is an interesting church because it had once been a monastery for the Carmelite Fathers. Located in a crowded residential neighborhood, but situated vis-a-vis a small wooded park (one block square), we found this gothic architecture a contrast to the romanesque St. Agricole. This church is lit with beautifully stained glass windows separated by religious tapestries, old statues of saints, high ceilings and many beautifully designed chairs.

Our thoughts turned to the wedding of the parents of Blaise-Jean Juillet and Gabrielle Barbarin on June 18, 1609, as we gazed at the beautiful altar. It was again with a sense of wonder that we contemplated the miracle of modern technology which permitted us to return 3000 miles and 375 years later to the site where our ancestors had wed.

That evening we had a typical French dinner of veal and poultry at an outside cafe not far from our hotel. It was cool for the time of year (May), so the following evening, we dined indoors at another delightful restaurant and enjoyed French seafood. France's large coastal exposure favors the country with an unusually large variety of seafood.

On the second day, we visited the Palace of the Popes where the Popes had resided from 1309 to 1377. These buildings and the grounds were enormous and in very good condition considering their age. Afterwards, we visited the Bridge of Avignon, famed for the old song "Sur le Pont d'Avignon." We were surprised to find that it only crossed halfway over the River Rhone, its use having been aban-

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Matt Graveline Update

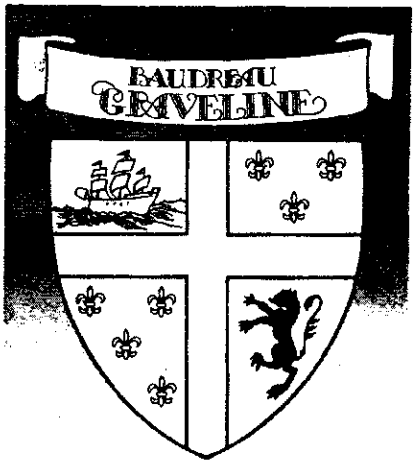
In March of this year, Matt Graveline, a 4th semester Laser Electro-Optics Technology major at Springfield Technical Community College, was seriously injured in a diving accident while on mid-semester break in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. As a result of the injuries sustained in the accident, Matt has been paralyzed.

After several operations, Matt has been able to be in a wheelchair. During this time, Matt has been spending some time in the hospital's rehab unit. However, recently Matt has had additional surgery that will keep him in bed for several weeks. It is hoped that after recovery from this surgery, he will be able to spend all of his time in the rehab unit.

At the time of Matt's accident, our members, his friends at STCC and the community as well responded overwhelmingly to various fundraisers and by sending cards and letters of support to Matt and his family. Human nature is such that we react well to tragedy, reaching out to help, but as time goes on, we tend to forget.

At this time, Matt is still in the hospital in Florida and I urge all members not to forget Matt. Keep those cards and letters coming; they are very important. It doesn't matter if you don't know him personally; your cards and letters are just as important as those from family and friends. So let's not forget Matt. His address is:

Matthew Graveline
Jackson Memorial Hospital
1611 N.W. 12th Street
Miami, Florida 33136



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doned to the multitude of more modern bridges which cross the wide, shallow, sandy and clean river.

That afternoon we drove a rental car out to the town of Orange to view the best preserved Roman amphitheater, that was built over 2000 years ago by the Romans. We returned via the city of Arles which was made famous by Vincent Van Gogh, whose paintings of this colorful region made his art so valuable and attractive.

We also stopped at Nimes where we found that unparalleled treasure of Roman architecture - Pont du Gard. An engineering marvel and a work of art, the Pont du Gard is one of the showpieces of the region and a wonder of the world. Originally constructed in 19 B.C., this superb aqueduct has three stories of conduits, each supported with separate arches, for each of its three levels. Its purpose was to conduct water across a valley from mountain to mountain over a remarkable distance of approximately 3 miles.

Pont du Gard

The next day we boarded a train for the medieval city of Angers, 60 km. south of Clermont. The train traveled northward along the scenic Rhone Valley to the city of Lyons. The valley is unusually pretty because the river is bordered on each side by large panoramic plains dotted here and there with statuesque trees. Each edge of these plains is framed with the greenest of green mountains. The valley is also occupied by the efficient and accident-free nuclear electric generating plants. The Rhone Valley is also noted for its many famous vineyards and wineries.

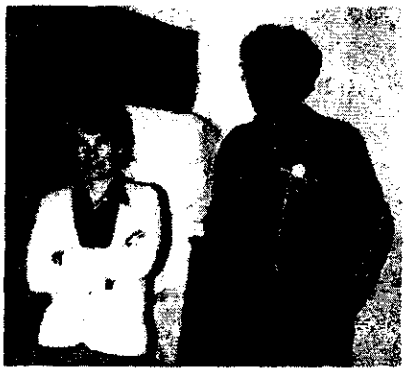
On our train ride from Avignon, we stopped next at the City of Lyons, which is famous as a modern industrial city. Many textile mills are located in this city. Silk is the predominant manufacturing product. Lyons is also headquarters for France's second largest international bank, Credit Lyonnais.

We now changed trains at Lyons to head westerly toward the medieval city of Angers and then to the village of Clermont. The train was slowed down by the climb over the "Massif Centrale," a highly elevated region of central France. Here we were impressed by the vistas and large uninhabited areas of woodlands with pretty but small towns along the route.

As we neared Angers, the topography changed to flatter and open fields dotted with many lush vegetable farms. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why the French never emigrated from France. There have never been any food shortages.

This train had no dining car but it did have a popular bar with sandwiches, snacks and beaucoup good conversation among the jovial customers.

Just before dusk, we arrived in beautiful, neat Angers where Blanche, Andrea and I were met at the depot by Professor Jean Edom, a young archivist for the village of Clermont. We wondered if his small Renault could carry all three of us plus large and numerous items of luggage. Being a professor of physics at a nearby college in La Flèche, he solved the problem and we arrived at Clermont shortly thereafter. Professor Edom lives with his wife, a daughter and two young sons, in a large, two-story, beautiful stucco house. The house definitely reflected French-style architecture in the grand manner, with French doors leading out to his garden from the ground floor rooms. It had been built a century earlier as a residence for the priests of the local parish. Accordingly, it was called Le Presbytère (The Rectory).



Our hosts - Anicq and Jean Edom

Since the parish no longer had a resident priest and few parishioners from what we could determine, the rectory had been sold to our host. The Church

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of St. Christopher had changed little since the days of Urbain and the same was true of the dwellings in the area, which is considered the center of the village. A tour of the section was indicative enough of why Urbain had left for North America. Obviously, there was little opportunity then, as now, for young men and women of the region. Thus, when Urbain was offered a contract to spend five years in Canada for 75 pounds per year, the offer must have had some appeal.

Clermont - Street and homes as they were during Urbain's time with church tower in the background.

Certainly, Urbain and the young men who signed on had an adventurous spirit, since many others refused the offer and some who had signed thereafter abandoned the idea shortly before and during the departure of the sailing vessel. It was this small ship which began to take on water two days later. When it returned to port (St. Nazaire) more than 50 recruits deserted the party.(1)

Street scene in the older part of Clermont.

While economic opportunity is almost non-existent in Clermont, there exists slightly more in the small nearby city of La Flèche from where Urbain and other recruits departed in 1653 on the banks of the Loire River to the coastal city of St. Nazaire. The countryside in the area is, however, outstandingly beautiful. The fields and woodlands are very green and the soil is quite rich. Yet, the farms we saw seem too small to be profitable. Life in general marches on at a slow pace and the impression is, that no one is in a hurry to accomplish something.

The family of our host is an exception. He, a well-educated professor of physics and very intellectual, had done much historical research about the Clermont-La Fleche region. His wife, equally as engaging, is a junior high school teacher, while his daughter is a medical student. The sons possess similar, desirable ambitions. The family is very intelligent, active and hospitable.

The river Loire in the city of La Flèche (near Clermont) where Urbain & others embarked on small boats and travelled to the seaport of St. Nazaire, where they embarked on ocean-going sailing vessels to Canada.

During Urbain's time, there existed only two classes, the rich and the poor. Urbain was apparently of the latter. The residents of the period lived in masonry houses constructed against each other along narrow streets, wide enough only for a horse and wagon. Signs of the wealthy exists in terms of nearby, old, large and attractive stone houses and small castles which are surrounded by moats and beautiful landscaping. Numerous peacocks can still be seen prancing about.

The climate in the province is pleasant and always above 40 degrees F. (5 degrees Celsius) in the winter and under 80 degrees F. (26 degrees Celsius) in the summer.

Our third day in Clermont had arrived and it was time for us to leave in order to catch our flight back home from Paris. Thanks to a young Frenchman from nearby Le Mans, who had been my guest a year earlier in Massachusetts, we were given a personalized escort in his sports car to the nearby city of Le Mans where he resided. A most beautiful metropolis, it has in addition to a modern section, an area with many medieval style buildings, which seemed to fall in harmony with the growing and bustling modern area of the city.

Arriving there, we were met by another young Frenchman, who with our host guided us through the older section of the city. We were taken to a delightful French restaurant located in a building of sixteenth century architecture. The interior also reflected this period and was most accordingly decorated. The food proved to be just as delightful and included several courses in the grand French manner. These young, bright and ambitious Frenchmen were electronic engineers who were doing quite well in this city of opportunity. Contrary to the rural area around Clermont, we found the people of Le Mans rather ambitious and very active. Later that afternoon, we boarded one of those sleek French trains for our return home via Paris and the Charles De Gaulle airport.

In conclusion, I can say it is an apparent advantage that while we can visit our ancestral locales in France, we can also mix in the highlights of a French historical tour and sightseeing at the same time. This provides every Graveline descendant with a wonderful and pleasurable opportunity.

While France is visited by more Americans and Canadians than any other country, few of them have the genealogical advantage of our family, which is why we should all take advantage of it.

Our Itinerary

IF YOU GO . . .

Knowledge of the French language is a big advantage. If you cannot speak it, it is recommended that you reserve in advance with a travel agent. The SNCF (French National Railways) can arrange locally organized tours for English-speaking people. In between cities, we travelled by train and at local railway stations by bus tours and car rentals.

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Photo by Marilyn Wilson

1985 Florida Reunion
Belleview Hotel - Belleaire, Florida

Front: Bill Wilson; Elaine Graveline; Monica Graveline; Lorette McNamara and Melvin Gravlin.
Middle: John Gutt; Blanche Reen Gutt and Gene Graveline.
Back: Emerson Gravlin; Robert Graveline; Pres.; Mrs. Melvin Gravlin and Marilyn Towell Wilson.

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We recommend all modes of transportation be reserved in advance through your travel agent. If you are interested, we can furnish you with a suggested itinerary and highlight the places from which your Graveline ancestors originated. It's fun and educational.

Aunt Blanche, who has travelled beaucoup, including France, says that this trip had more meaning, substance and family. For Andrea, it was a course in history which she had never anticipated. For you, it is an opportunity not to be lost.

(1) Source: La Grande Recrue de 1653 by Roland Auger
(2) Source: Tanguay; Edward Bourbeau, genealogist of Omaha, Nebraska: letters
(3) The French Genealogiste: Annual #2, Pg. 57.
(3a) Note of Archange Godbout: Also the French notary-Dauchise of Avignon.

GENEALOGIE DE CLAUDE GRAVELINE
Alymer, Quebec

	GENERATION I	
Urbain Baudreau 1633-1695	marié à 20-10-1664	Mathurine Juillet 1651-1723
	GENERATION II	
Paul Baudreau 1682-	marié à 20-02-1708	Marie Tessier
	GENERATION III	
Urbain Baudreau 1718-	marié à 08-02-1751	Marie Judith Dufresne - 1767
	GENERATION IV	
Urbain Graveline 1757-	marié à 15-02-1802	Marguerite Ledoux
	GENERATION V	
Eugéne Beaudriau	marié à 22-02-1830	Suzanne Diameau Beausoleil
	GENERATION VI	
Eugéne Baudriault 1833-1886	marié à	Vitaline Pelletier Forget
	GENERATION VII	
Joseph Graveline 1879-1951	marié à 21-08-1910	Marie-Louise Lafontaine 1896-1984
	GENERATION VIII	
Claude Graveline 1929-	marié à 20-07-1963	Andrée Décarie 1939-

Lettres

Une petite note pour vous aviser que ma mére

Ida Graveline (Rémillard) est décédée le 22 décembre 1984.

Il y avait plusieurs années qu'elle sauffrait de sclérose en plaques.

Son mari, Léo Rémillard, de St. Joseph a tout fait pour qu'elle passe toute sa vie chez-elle, sans être placée dans un foyer, méme si elle était totalement invalide.

Ida était la fille de Emile Graveline et Olivine Saurette.

St. Joseph, Manitoba

60 ans de mariage

Il parle aussi de ses activités de bénévoles dans Aylmer ou de sa charge de marguiller sous le curé Honoré Limoges, "lui que avait l'habitude de te trouver des péchés quand tu n'en avais pas à raconter à la confesse . . .".

Les Graveline ont eu sept enfants dont l'aîné a maintenant 59 ans et le cadet en a 41. Ils ont 12 petits-enfants et deux arrières-petits-enfants. "Y'en a d'autres qui s'en viennent", dit la dame . . .

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1902-1991
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Rose Ouimette
1900-1993
(daughters of Alphonse Bousquet and Amelia Graveline)

Aunt Rose, a Portrait

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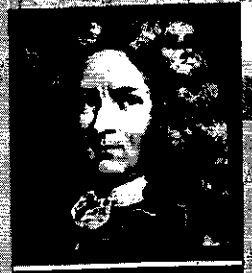
The oldest building in the Mississippi Valley, the LaPointe-Krebs House was built around 1718 and is known as the "Old Spanish Fort." LaPointe was a French Canadian who came to the coast in 1700 with Jean Baptiste Baudreau dit Graveline at the establishment of the new French Louisiana Colony. Graveline's house was not far from LaPointe's on the Pascagoula River and it was very likely that it was built in the same style.

It was in this house that the step-daughter of LaPointe married Graveline's son, Jean Baptiste Baudreau II.



PIERRE LE MOYNE D'IBERVILLE

Jean Baptiste Baudreau Graveline and about one hundred other French Canadians came to the Gulf Coast with Iberville around 1700. They were the first permanent settlers of the Louisiana Territory on the Gulf Coast.

Mobile 1995

A CONVENTION IN MOBILE

The city of Mobile, Alabama is rich in our family's history. Be there for an exciting convention in October, 1995.

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JEAN BAPTISTE LEMOYNE, SIEUR DE BIENVILLE

Jean Baptiste Lemoyne, colon de Mobile, fut désigné sieur de Bienville, gouverneur de la Louisiane française par le roi Louis XIV.

De 1711 à 1718, Mobile fut la ville capitale de ce vaste empire de l'Amérique du Nord qui s'étendit du Golfe du Mexique aux montagnes Rocheuses, et jusque dans le Canada.

L'ALABAMA NOUS ACCUEILLE

Notre 8e Congrès 6-12 Octobre 1995

En octobre 1995 dans la Ville de Mobile, Alabama, ville fondée par les Canadiens français, se déroulent les fêtes biennales de votre association. On espère que vous y serez.

Pourquoi Mobile? Parce que l'un des premiers colons de cette ville fut notre ancêtre: Jean-Baptiste Baudreau Graveline, 2 ième fils d'Urbain et de Mathurine Juillet. De plus on nous dit qu'il y a plus de descendance Baudreau Graveline chez eux, qu'au Québec ou en Nouvelle Angleterre.

Les descendants d'Urbain, qui habitent sur le bord du Golfe de Mexique, nous encouragent et nous invitent à venir passer un week-end avec eux et, pour ceux qui auront le temps, de faire un tour des lieux célèbres et des majestueuses résidences *ante-bellum* qui s'y trouvent.

Bientôt, nous allons recevoir de la littérature chantant les louanges de la jolie ville de Mobile, que nous trouverons surement intéressante et amusante.

Sachez que le nom Mobile est un mot français, donné par le célèbre explorateur canadien-français, Jean Baptiste Lemoyne de Bienville, de Montréal.

Préparez-vous pour le plus beau congrès que vous n'ayez jamais vu, où vous éprouverez un baril de "fun" et de magnifiques cérémonies, honorant notre famille et sa contribution au développement du Sud.

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Joseph P. Graveline and Cordia Dubreuil on their wedding day.

Joseph P. Graveline of Three Rivers, Massachusetts

HOW THE FUTURE OF A FAMILY WAS CHANGED BY A RAILROAD.

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by E. Robert Graveline

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(en français)

Introduction. Montreal sign honoring Urbain Baudreau Graveline, early colonist and one of the founders of the city of Montreal. This sign is located at the Urbain Baudreau Graveline Park at Sherbrooke St. East to the Municipal Library and Parc Lafontaine.

"One of the Frenchmen by the name of Graveline, an honest discrete man and an excellent boat-man is employed to conduct the barge as a pilot... Mr. Graveline who speaks the Ricara language extremely well, has been employed to conduct a few of the Ricara chiefs to the seat of government who have promised us to descend in the barge to St. Louis."

Lewis, Fort Mandan, April 7th, 1805. in
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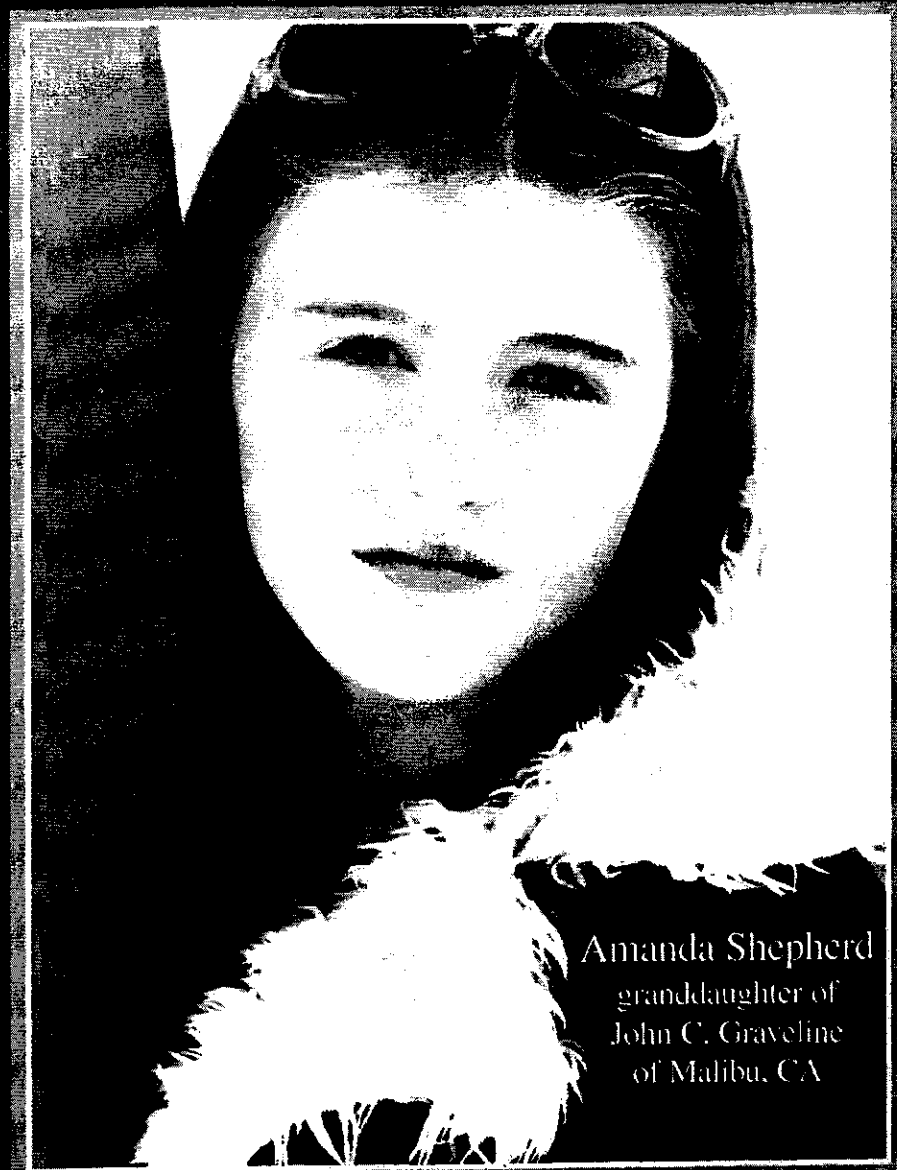

Amanda Shepherd
granddaughter of
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45th ANNIVERSARY

Left to right: Grandson Brandon; Son Brett and his wife, Linda;, Honorees: William and Marilyn; Grandson Evan (foreground); Son Blair and his wife Tricia.

Lt. Col. William & Marilyn Wilson of Biloxi, MS celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on December 22nd with a group of 70 friends and family at the Keesler Air Force Base Officer's Club. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by all who attended and especially the honored guests.

Lt. Col. Wilson is retired from the military and Marilyn was formerly an executive aid to a Florida Congressman. Ad multos annos.

Date: April 1, 1997

In accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws,
Notice is hereby given of the
ANNUAL MEETING
of the Urbain Baudreau Graveline Genealogical Association, Inc. to be held on Wednesday, May 14, 1997 at Truffles Restaurant, 1432 Main St., Palmer MA at 1:45 P.M. following the luncheon.

Business to be transacted at the meeting include the following:

1. **Election of Directors**
2. **Election of Officers**
3. **Financial Report**
4. **Investment Report**
5. **President's Report**
6. **Committee Reports**
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7. **New Business**

Only those members whose dues are paid up to the date of May 14, 1997 will be entitled to vote.

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Thérèse Graveline Rodier

The [illegible] *vigne vierge* (*virgin vine*), green in the summer and turns red after autumn frosts--perennial; *Sceau de Salomon* (*Solomon's Seal*), green in the summer and gold in the fall--perennial.

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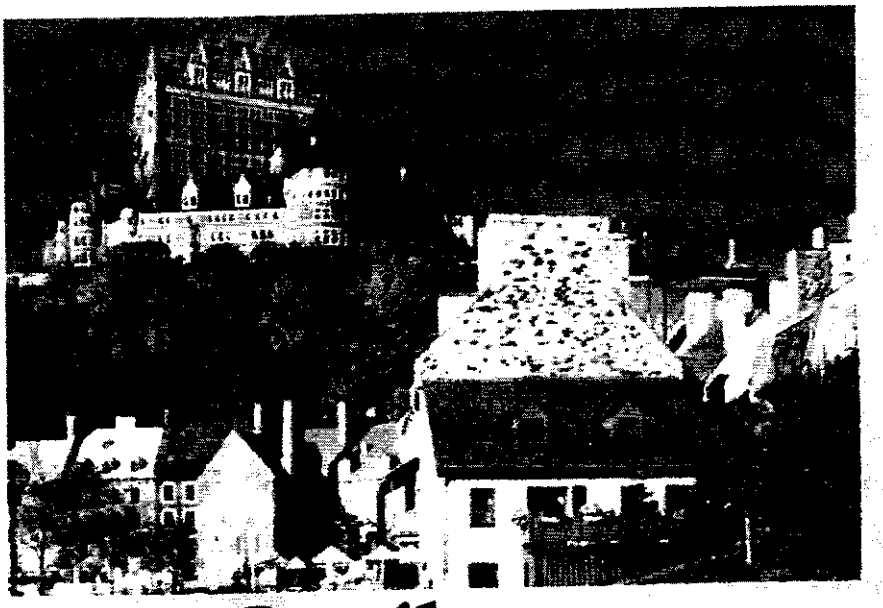

Québec...

Our convention dates are officially from Thursday afternoon July 23 to Monday morning at 11 a.m. 1998.

We shall have a bus departing from Palmer, Mass. on Thursday and returning on Monday. Anyone coming from a distance could fly in to the area airport: Bradley International Airport at Windsor Locks, Connecticut. This airport serves Western Massachusets and is a first class jet port. Other flights could, of course, fly in to Québec City via Montréal or other large Canadian or American cities.

You will receive reservation applications in January with instructions on how to register for the meeting.

Hope to see you in Québec!

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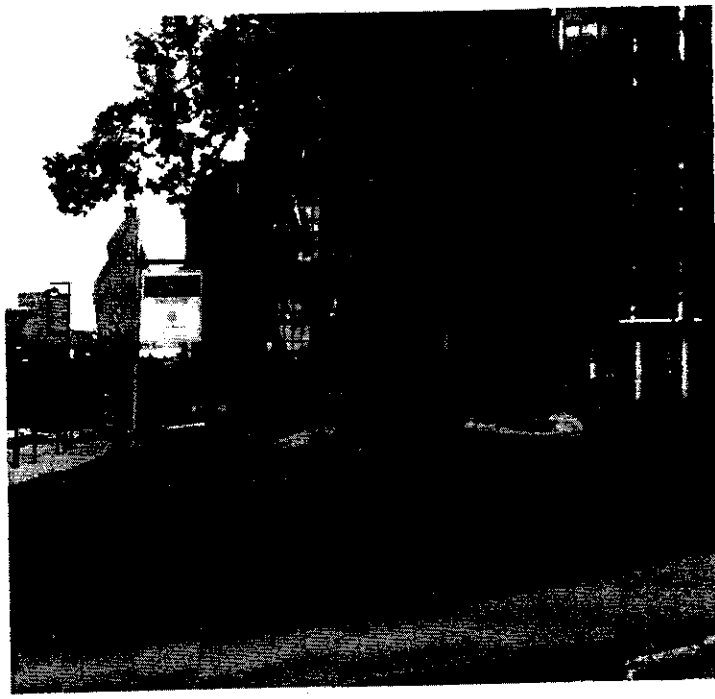

THANK YOU FERNAND GRAVELINE

Last spring, the municipality of Montréal removed our sign honoring Baudreau-Graveline. It had been placed in one of the most desirable locations of the city: across Sherbrooke Street from the municipal library, in a beautiful park setting.

The sign was in honor of Urbain Baudreau-Graveline and so, an honor for all his descendants.

The excuse given was that it had to be renovated, but Fernand and I wanted to be certain this was the real intention. Therefore after several letters, faxes and telephone calls, we succeeded in having them replace it at the same ideal location on the prestigious Sherbrooke Street. Yes, they did more than repair it, they gave us a new one. THANK YOU MONTRÉAL.

MERCI FERNAND GRAVELINE

Au printemps passé, la municipalité nous a enlevé notre enseigne, sous la prétexte de là renouvelé.

Je me suis mis en contacte avec notre membre, M. Fernand Graveline, à Montréal. Entre nous et avec beaucoup d'efforts, de teléphones, et de correspondences, etc., etc., nous persuadons les administrateurs à l'Hotel de Ville, que l'enseigne doit être remis, et que la famille Baudreau-Graveline, mérite cette honneur.

Avec cette appuis, nous avons réussi a retenir ce beau symbol, là ou elle doit être, au centre de la Ville, dans un beau parc sur la plus belle rue, la me Sherbrooke.

MERCI, MONTRÉAL.

On May 28, 1998, the annual meeting of UBGGA was held at the Horatio Lyon House in Monson, MA. Representing the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting were Diane Laframboise of Belchertown, MA, Edward J. Graveline of Three Rivers, MA and Edward T. Graveline of Dowling Park, Florida. The previous directors and officers were re-elected. (Subsequently, Edward J. Graveline died and was replaced as a director by Rita Wright of Three Rivers, MA. The president reported that income and membership have increased again this year on a slow, but steady, basis. It is expected that this trend will continue for the next few years. The question of the site of the next convention was discussed and it was suggested that a poll be taken to see what site would be the most desirable.

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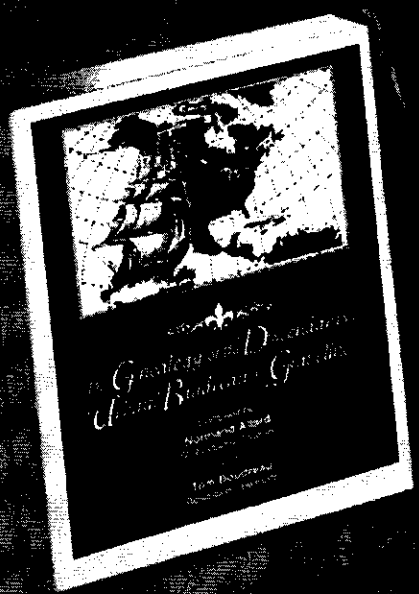

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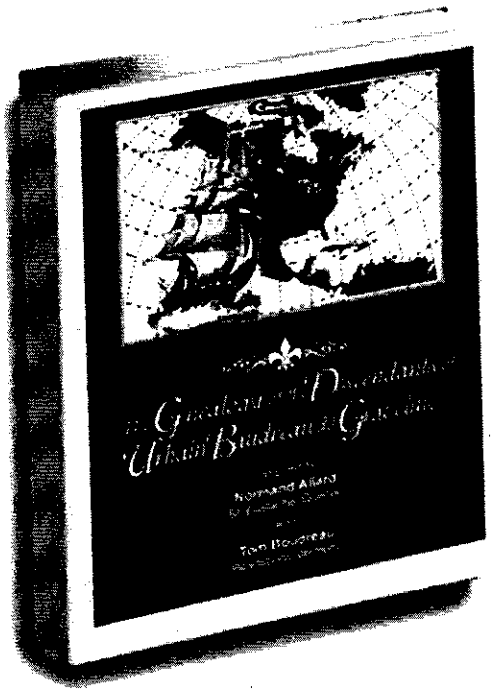
The Genealogy of the Descendants of Urbain Baudreau dit Graveline is finished.

This Baudreau-Graveline Genealogy, compiled by Normand Allard and Tom Boudreau, lists twelve generations, beginning with the arrival of Urbain in North America in 1653.

To purchase the book, see details on back cover.



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The Genealogy of the Descendants of Urbain Baudreau dit Graveline

Compiled by
Normand Allard
St. Eustache, Quebec
&
Thomas Boudreau
Readsboro, Vermont

The history of the Baudreau and Graveline families began in 1653 with the arrival from France of a young pioneer named Urbain Baudreau dit Graveline. Sailing from the small port of LaRochelle in France aboard a small vessel, a determined group of soldiers and adventurers began its perilous journey. Urbain had signed a contract for five years to serve the colony of Montreal as a militiaman to protect it from the attacks of the dreaded Iroquois Indians. Years later, his children inherited their father's sense of determination and adventure.

The second son, Jean-Baptiste, was a soldier, businessman and adventurer who later became a pioneer settler along the Gulf Coast in the Mobile, Alabama area. Gabriel was a carpenter and businessman who, along with his wife, lost his life on a trip exploring the Mississippi River while they were searching for minerals. Paul, the third oldest son, stayed in the area of Montreal for most of his life. He married and had eight children who lived to adulthood. The youngest son, Jean, was a voyageur in his early years, making several trips west. Later he became a butcher, soldier, and farmer. He also married, had five children and lived in the Richelieu valley region. Research into the activities of Urbain's daughters is ongoing and will be published later in our association's publication, *The Descendants.*

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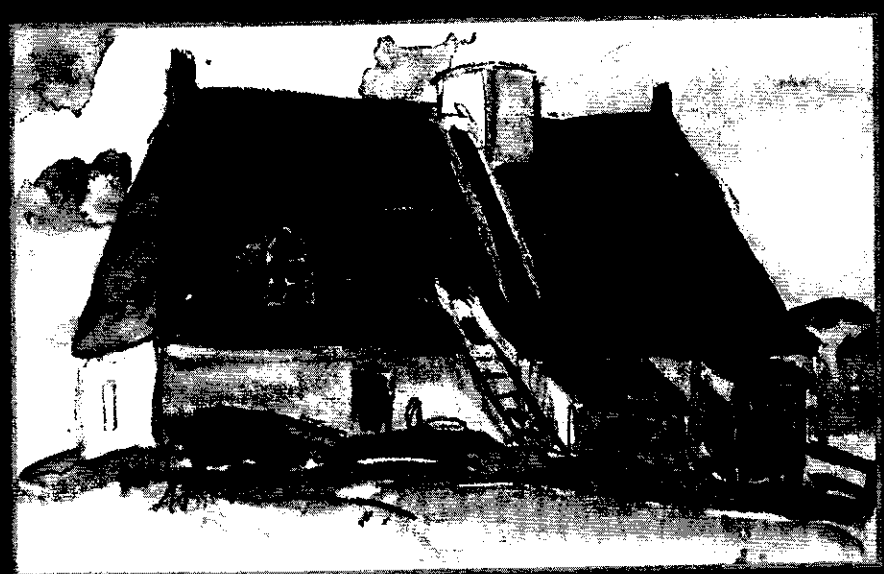

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By Denise Moineau; English translation by E. Robert Graveline

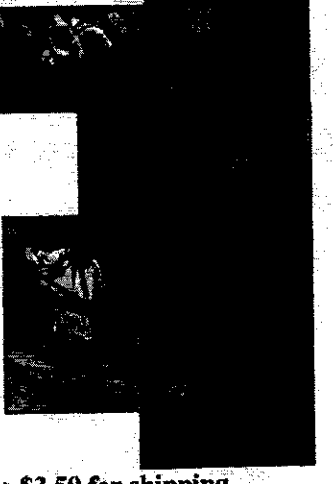
Véronique Deplanne photographs *'The Legacies of a French Empire in America.'*

Two Novels of Gulf Coast History by Placide D. Nicaise

Legacies of a French Empire in North America

French photographer, Veronique Deplanne has traveled throughout the forty-eight contiguous states for the past three years researching the French influence in this country. This is the first of three books regarding this subject. For this book the author has enjoyed stepping back into history, specifically by participating in many living history events of the French and Indian War period.

by Veronique Deplanne



Legacies of a French Empire in North America in photos and text provide proof of the continuing legacy of three-centuries-old French attempt to establish an empire in the Mississippi Valley. Its images yield vivid, graphic evidence of the early French presence and the pride which many communities take in preserving that legacy through the maintenance of historic sites, structures, and annual festivals.

One of the volume's most valuable contributions is its chronicling of efforts by "living historians" who reenact colonial life at numerous historic sites. More than any graphic attempts to interpret the history of that past age, these dedicated accurately garbed reenactors, whose numbers ironically perhaps exceed those of the original French Colonials, provide total sensory contact with history.

A native of Aunis, a region of France's southwest coast, from where many French inhabitants embarked, and an aficionado of "living history," Veronique Deplanne has truly captured the modern soul and spirit of this great historical region. Her sparkling images go beyond mere interpretation of a past age and serve as historical guideposts for the future.

From a review by historian Val Husley of Biloxi, Mississippi, author of the book: "Biloxi: 300 Years".

9"x9", soft cover, 80 pages, with 80 four-color photographs and maps. The book is sold at $30 + $3.50 for shipping. Order by writing to: Veronique Deplanne, 7316 Ash St. , Prairie Village, KS 66208 e-mail: *vero-unique@juno.com*

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Biloxi revisits its French roots

Over 300 years have elapsed since [illegible] left La Rochelle, France, and [illegible] beach in what is now Biloxi, [illegible] Marilyn and Bill Wilson [illegible] exchange of visits between [illegible] Biloxi to celebrate this [illegible]

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Marguerite Bourgeoys
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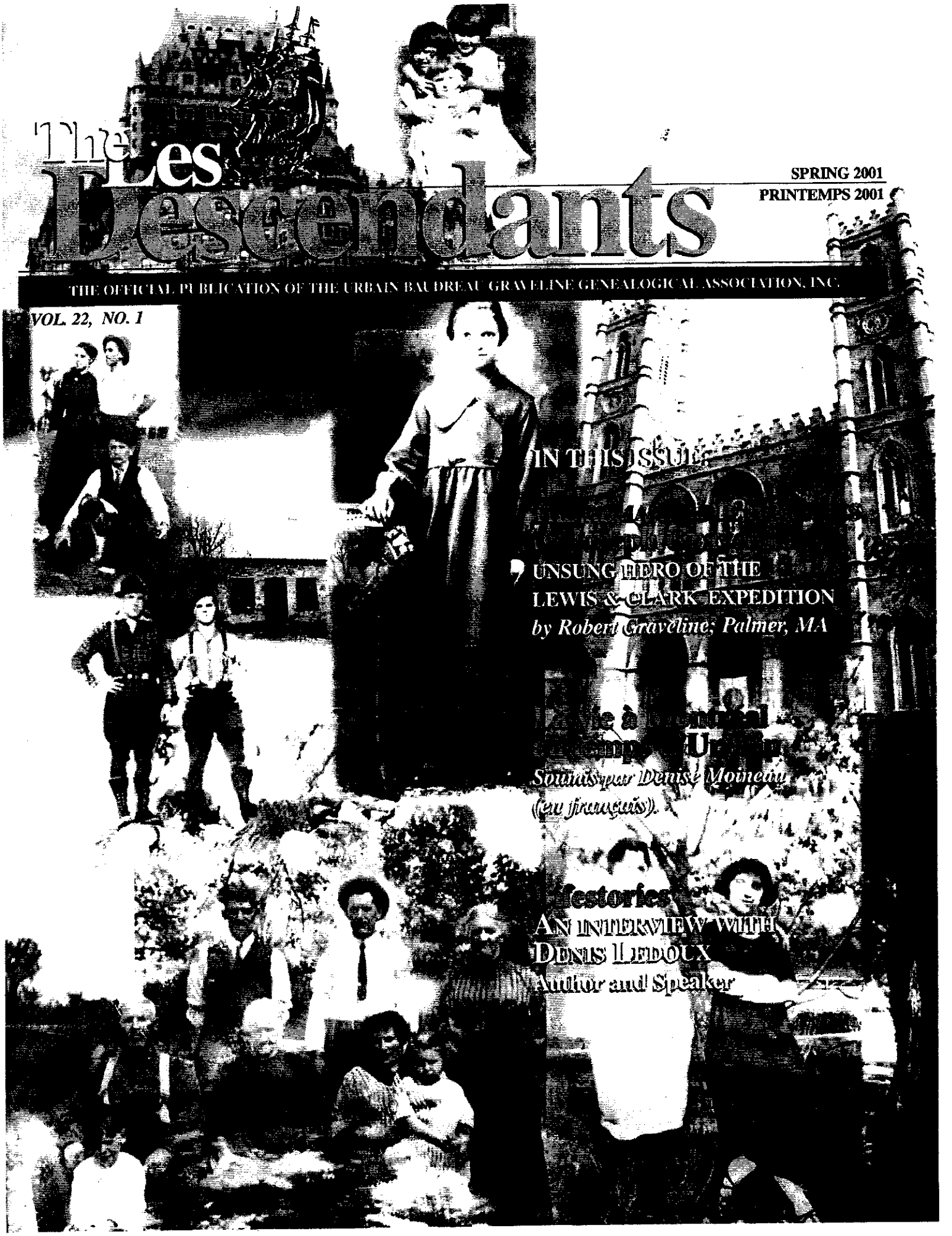

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AN INTERVIEW WITH DENIS LEDOUX
Author and Speaker

Date: May 1, 2001

In accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws,
Notice is hereby given of the

ANNUAL MEETING

of the Urbain Baudreau Graveline Genealogical Association, Inc. to be held on
Thursday, June 14, 2001 at **Il Giardino's Restaurant,**
2481 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA at **1:30 P.M. following the luncheon.**

Business to be transacted at the meeting include the following:

AGENDA:

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 6/28/00**
2. **Election of Directors**
3. **Election of Officers**
4. **Financial Report**
5. **President's Report**
6. **New Business**

- Year 2002 Meeting in "Old Mobile" (Tricentennial Celebration)

Only those members whose dues are paid up to the date of June 14, 2001 will be entitled to vote.

Robert Graveline, President

Join us!

Please join us! A gift membership to this organization is a fine way to teach and preserve the history of our adventurous ancestors for years to come. In addition to membership in the Urbain Baudreau Graveline Genealogical Association, a new member will receive our twice-yearly issue of ***The Descendants*** magazine.

Many interesting discoveries about our ancestors have been made in the last few years, and they are printed in this publication first. One of our ancestors helped guide the Lewis and Clark expedition; another was one of the first settlers of the city of Mobile.

You will also receive notice of meetings and conventions held by the organization, as well as information provided by genealogist-researchers of the Baudreau Graveline family.

I would like to become a member. Enclosed is a check for $20.00 (U.S. currency) payable to UBGGA; P.O. Box 905 Palmer, MA 01069

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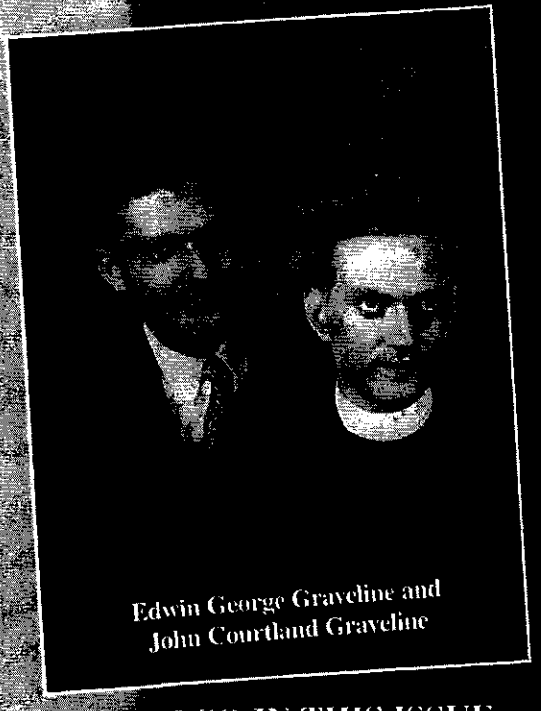

Edwin George Graveline and
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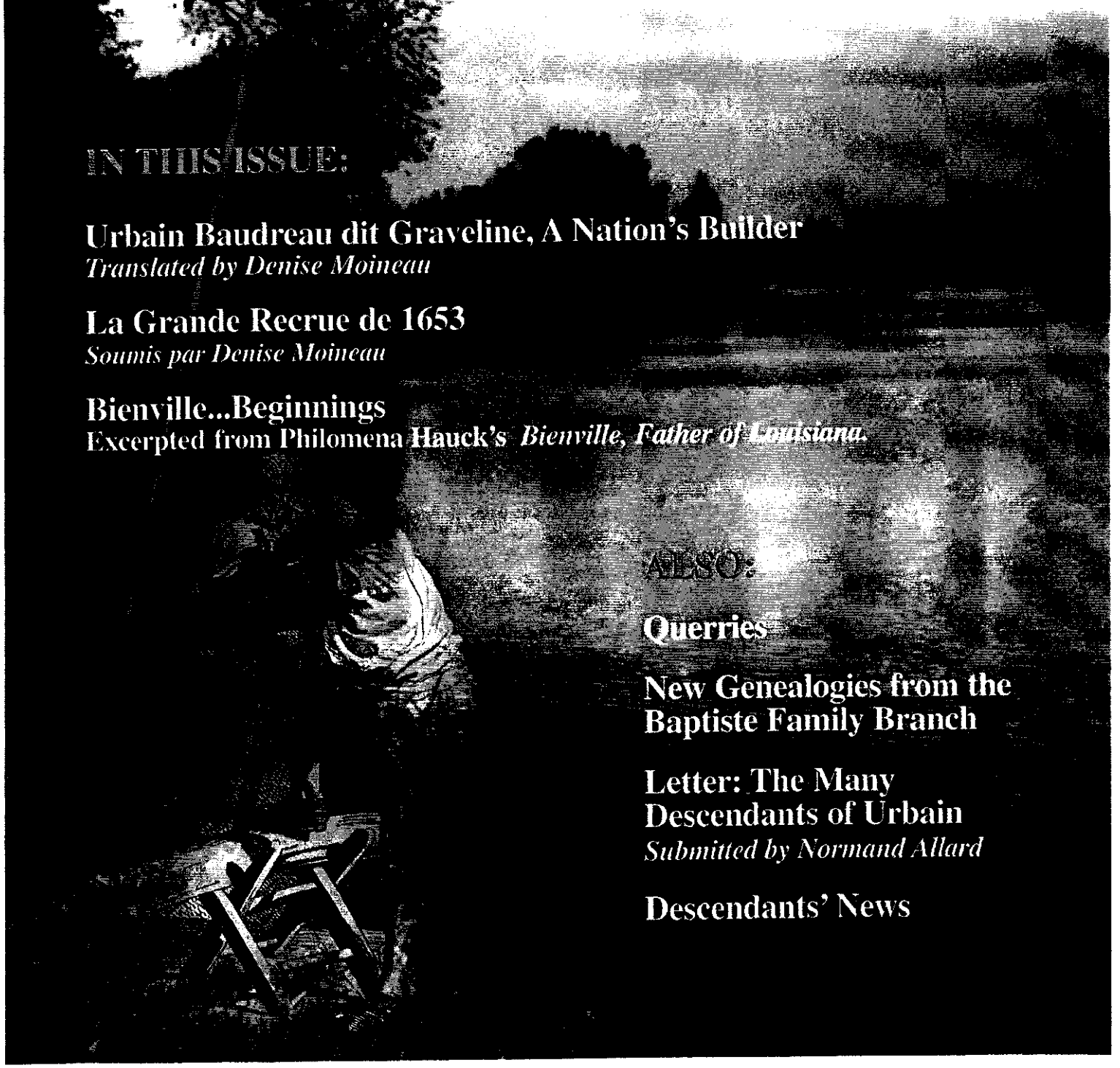

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Submitted by Normand Allard

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Morning Peace

Submitted by Mary Gravlin
Rochester, MI

Mary Gravlin's poetry has been published in the National Library of Poetry. The following was selected from their 'Outstanding Poets' of 1994.

On your bike join me for an early morning spin
While diamonds of dew still sparkle on the grass.
A watchful eye might spot a winging wren
Or a bunny rapidly hopping out of our path as we pass.
Our neighborhood can't be called rural any longer.
Yet in early morn still roam ones wild and small.
At this hour a sense of freedom and peace is stronger
Quietly we roll in streets with shady trees so tall.
Tinged lightly in pink, several cottony clouds
Hold forth promise of another perfect summer day.
Bright hot-air balloons add more color above any clouds;
Lifting our spirits even higher as we wind our way.
Some party balloons caught on a nearby telephone wire
Add still more gaiety to the clear, pale sky.
So if a sense of freedom and peace you aspire,
Enjoy an early morning walk or bike ride.
If you like each day with calm and peace to begin,
Then each morning out of the house quietly glide;
Setting the pace for a day on which great hopes you pin!

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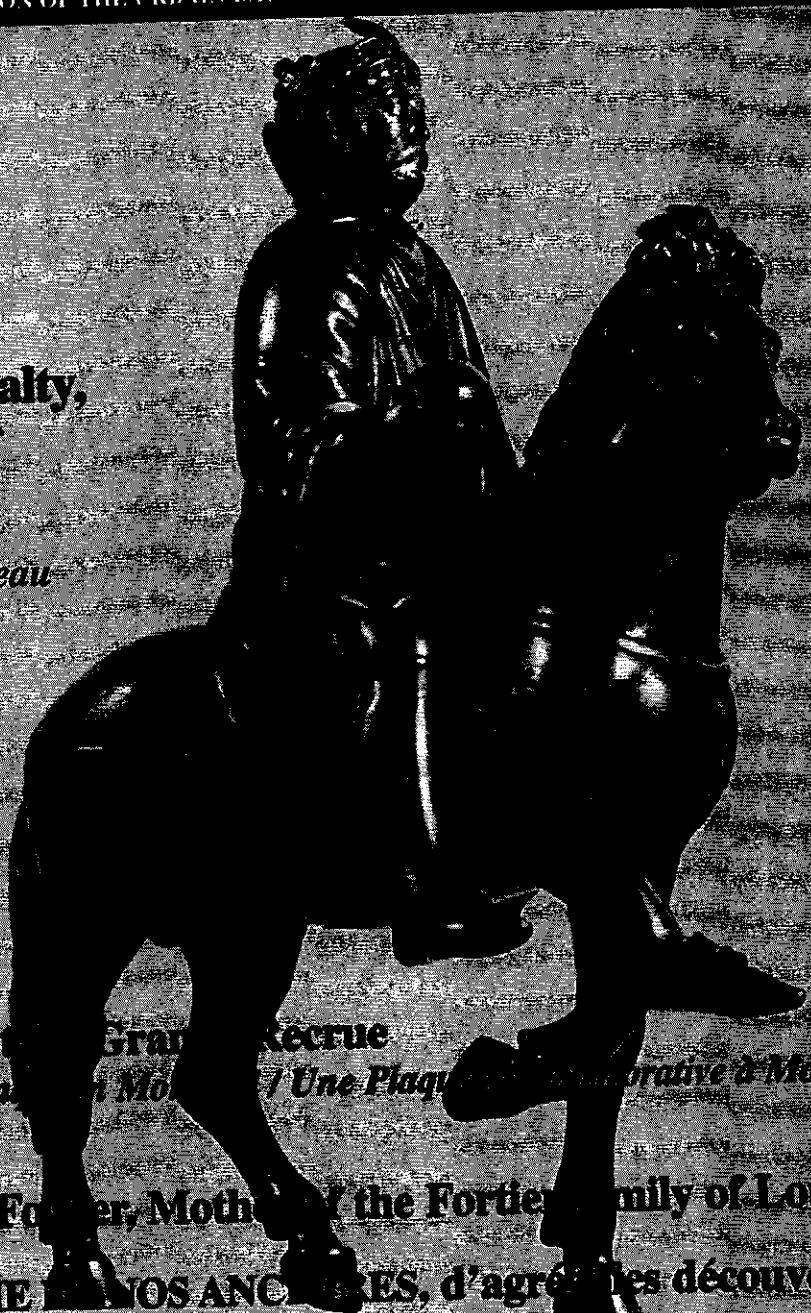

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PORTERSVILLE BAY
An area rich in family history

Royal Oaks on Portersville Bay, Coden, Alabama was built around 1910, after the hurricane of 1906 destroyed the original structure and devastated the thriving area known as *Portersville*.
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